

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner identified the following invention Groups and corresponding claims:

- I. Claims 1-7, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a polishing pad;
- II. Claims 8-13, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a polishing method; and
- III. Claim 14, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method of making a polishing pad.

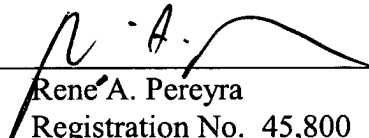
Group II, including Claims 8-13 are hereby elected for prosecution in this application. Additionally, Claims 1-7 and 14 are being cancelled. The right to pursue Claims 1-7 and 14 in a divisional or continuation application is hereby reserved.

In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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